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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
U.S. Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to respond to the Justice Department's request for comments from the public on the proposed Microsoft settlement.

While I am sure this settlement agreement will have its detractors, it seems a reasonable compromise. Hopefully it will bring stability and progress in the software industry.

This settlement offers the opportunity to close the case with certainty. Microsoft has offered a number of serious concessions, including its agreement to open Windows operating systems so that non-Microsoft software can be configured into the system. If implemented, this provision, standing alone, will have an immediate, positive effect on the software market.

Please take advantage of this opportunity and settle the case as soon as possible. The public interest will not be served by the alternative.

Sincerely,

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